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SUBJECT: IAEA 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: CREDENTIALS

SUMMARY. SHORT AND ROUTINE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING DID LITTLE TO FORESHADOW MOST ARGUMENTATIVE PLENARY DEBATE OF CREDENTIALS IN FOUR YEARS. NO CREDENTIALS WERE FORMALLY CHALLENGED, HOWEVER, NOT EVEN KHMER REPUBLIC. CHILE WAS NOT REPRESENTED.

1. FIFTEEN-MINUTE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 20 FOLLOWED USUAL PATTERN OF RECENT YEARS. U.S. NOMINATED TULIO MARULANDO OF COLOMBIA FOR CHAIRMAN, U.S.S.R. SECONDED, AND HE WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT 71 MEMBERS HAD SUBMITTED CREDENTIALS IN PROPER FORM (INCLUDING, BY SKIN OF OUR TEETH, U.S.). SIX (COLOMBIA, ITALY, KHMER REPUBLIC, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, AND VIET NAM) HAD SUBMITTED NOTES, LETTERS, OR CABLES WHICH WERE NOT PROPER CREDENTIALS, BUT IN KEEPING WITH AGENCY PRACTICE

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THESE WOULD BE ACCEPTED PROVISIONALLY ON UNDERSTANDING

REGULAR CREDENTIALS WOULD BE SUBMITTED ASAP.
SOVIET AND POLISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS DID NOT CHALLENGE
THIS PROCEDURE. SEVEN COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, LIBYA,
MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, NIGER, NIGERIA AND PANAMA), ALTHOUGH
REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE, HAD SUBMITTED NO DOCUMENTATION
AT ALL. NINETEEN MEMBER STATES WRE NOT REPRESENTED
(INCLUDING CHILE).

2. SOVIETS AND POLES THEN MADE TWO-SENTENCE STATEMENTS
FOR THE RECORD. SOVIET SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT AS
VALID CREDENTIALS OF "SAIGON ADMINISTRATION THAT DOES
NOT HAVE RIGHT TO REPRESENT SOUTH VIET NAM" NOR OF
"SEOUL ADMINISTRATION, WHICH REJECTS PROPOSALS TO
UNITE KOREA ON PEACEFUL BASIS AND WHICH DOES NOT
REPRESENT INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA." POLE
MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS ITS REPORT TO PLENARY.

3. PLENARY SEPTEMBER 21 TOOK TWICE AS LONG TO
DEBATE COMMITTEE REPORT AS COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN TO MAKE IT.
ALBANIA, ROMANIA, AND ALGERIA OPPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF VIETNAMESE,
KOREAN, AND KHMER CREDENTIALS; U.S.S.R. AND CUBA
DEVOTED THEMSELVES ENTIRELY TO DEPLORING CHILEAN
COUP; AND VIET NAM AND ROK SPOKE IN SELF-DEFENSE.
IN END COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

4. ALBANIA LED OFF, SAYING IT COULD NOT ACCEPT AS
VALID CREDENTIALS OF (A) "SAIGON CLIQUE, WHICH NOTHING
MORE THAN GROUP IN POWER WITH MILITARY HELP OF U.S.";
(B) " MARIONETTE REGIME OF LON NOL, BACKED BY AMERICAN
MILITARY AGGRESSION"; (C) SOUTH KOREAN ADMINISTRATION,
SUPPORTED BY "AMERICAN AGGRESSIVE MILITARY FORCES."
ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS ARE PRG, RGUNF, AND DPRK.

5. U.S.S.R. (ARKADIEV), SPEAKING IN NAME OF BULGARIA,
BYELORUSSIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, HUNGARY, MONGOLIA,
POLAND, AND UKRAINE, NOTED ABSENCE OF "LEGITIMATE DELE-
GATION OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. WE CANNOT
DISREGARD LINK TO FORTHCOMING ELECTION TO IAEA BOARD
FOR WHICH CHILE IS CANDIDATE," PRESUMABLY MEANING
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SOVIET BLOC WILL ABSTAIN OR VOTE FOR SOME OTHER LA
COUNTRY. HE SAID REACTIONARY CHILEAN MILITARY, "ENCOURAGED
AND SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALIST FORCES ABROAD," HAD IMPOSED
REACTION AND TERROR ON COUNTRY AND KILLED ITS PRESIDENT.
HIS GROUP OF DELS WISHED EXPRESS THEIR DEEP AND TRAGIC
FEELINGS AT DEATH OF ALLENDE AND DEEP INDIGNATION AT
CRIME COMMITTED BY CHILEAN REACTIONARY FORCES.

6. ROMANIA SAID VN DID NOT HAVE "UNILATERAL RIGHT TO REPRESENT SVN. IN THAT COUNTRY THERE IS ALSO PRG WHICH RECOGNIZED BY MANY COUNTRIES AND BY PARIS AGREEMENTS." SEOUL ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT REPRESENT KOREAN PEOPLE AND AS FOR KHMER REPUBLIC, ROMANIA RECOGNIZES RGUNF OF CAMBODIA.

7. KOREA (PYO WOOK HAN) GAVE CALM, DIGNIFIED, AND BRIEF REPLY, EMPHASIZING INAPPPROPRIATE-NESS OF POLITICAL POLEMICS IN TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION. HE REJECTED SOVIET STATEMENT IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, POINTING OUT ROK INITIATIVES TOWARD PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. ONLY AT VERY END DID HE DESCEND FROM HIGH PLANE BY LABELLING ALBANIAN AND ROMANIAN REMARKS "RUBBISH." GC PRESIDENT (AUSTRALIA) THEN WARNED DELEGATES TO AVOID OFFENSIVE LANUAGE.

8. CUBAN DELEGATE SAID HE WANTED TO TELL CHILEANS THIS BATTLE WAS LOST BUT WAR AGAINST IMPERIALISM WOULD CONTINUE. HE STARTED TO SHOUT INTO MICROPHONE, INTERPRETER SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HIM, AND CHAIR BEGAN TO GAVEL HIM DOWN JUST AS HE FINISHED AND RETURNED TO HIS SEAT.

9. VIET NAM MADE UNNECESSARILY LONG REPLY, DENOUNCING PRG, QUOTING THIEU, AND ATTEMPTING COVER WHOLE VIETNAMESE SITUATION. PRESIDENT RAPPED GAVEL AND WHEN HE IGNORED IT PRESIDENT SUSPENDED SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES, TACTIC NOT USED SINCE 1969 CREDENTIALS DEBATE. WHEN SESSION RESUMED, PRESIDENT EXPRESSED REGRET AT NECESSITY AND AGAIN GAVE FLOOR TO VIETNAMESE DEL, WHO FINISHED SPEECH IN TWO SENTENCES.

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10. ALGERIA SAID THAT HERE AS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IT MUST RESERVE ITS POSITION ON CREDENTIALS OF VN, KHMER REPUBLIC AND ROK. HE NOTED WITH REGRET ABSENCE OF CHILEAN DEL, SAYING HE HAD THROUGHT THEY WERE CANDIDATES FOR BAORD. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT IN FUTURE ALGERIAN DEL (WHICH ALSO UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR BAORD) WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY WORK WITH CHILEAN COLLEAGUES. COMMENT: THIS AMBIGIOUS STATEMENT AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING A GOOD DEAL LES THAN PROTEST OVER CHILEAN EVENTS.TAPE

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